



# Montgomery County Council

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## **COUNTY TO STATE: GET OFF THE DIME TO MEET CRITICAL UPCOUNTY HEALTH CARE NEEDS**

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The Montgomery County Council today unanimously approved a resolution urging the state of Maryland to give a green light to the bid by Shady Grove Adventist Hospital to establish a satellite emergency care center in Germantown and urged Montgomery County's state legislators to fight to make that happen.

The UpCounty area of Montgomery County now has nearly 140,000 residents and is forecast to grow by nearly 16 percent over the next six years. UpCounty residents primarily rely on Shady Grove Adventist Hospital further down county, where patient volume at the Emergency Room has grown to 85,000 visits a year – giving it the second highest volume in the state.

"Shady Grove Hospital has stepped up to the plate, proposing to open a satellite clinic in Germantown," said Councilmember Michael Knapp, "but the Maryland Health Care Commission voted on September 14 to reject the application. The Commission, which has no representation from the County, couldn't even take the time to do a site visit."

"Critical health care needs are going unmet – while the state of Maryland sits on its hands. That's unacceptable."

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